

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey, Oklahoma State University, 502 Math-Science Bldg., Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PROCTOR SCHOOL II

LOCATION: Vicinity of Watts, Oklahoma 040, Adair County 001; SE 1/4, Sec. 16, T 19 N, R 25 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--other

OWNER: Benjamin Mott, Rt. 1, Watts, OK 74964

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Adair County Courthouse, Stilwell, OK 74960

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

This rectangular (55' x 30') building is made of light-colored uncut and randomly laid native stone with beaded mortar. The gable roof is covered with tin and has projecting eaves. The main entry is recessed behind an arch with keystone; an additional single wooden door entry on the rear of the building is protected by a hood with brackets and is accessed by a stoop with wing walls. Windows are singly placed or grouped into bands. The single windows have concrete sills and lintels, unfortunately they have been enclosed with concrete block; the upper portion of the band windows is covered with wood inset and smaller metal sash windows installed. The building is distinctive in its use of rather large and irregular shaped stone masonry. Unfortunately the window alterations and a wooden addition to the west side of the structure destroy its integrity and disqualify it for inclusion to the National Register.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: Okla. St. Dept. of Ed. Pattern Book

The construction of the Proctor school provided an economic stimulus to the community by providing 12,250 manhours of work for depression stricken farmers whose wages were infused back into the local economy thus easing the burdens of a limited money supply. Its construction fostered a sense of community pride and achievement when those two qualities were not widely in evidence. The school is most unusual in its use of irregular shaped and somewhat large stone.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

Quadrangle: Chance, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

UTM: Undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Commencing at the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 16, T 19 N, R 25 E, running south 3 chains and 62 links, thence west 3 chains and 58 links, to the NE corner of the Proctor School lot, thence south 208 feet 8 inches, thence west 208 feet 8 inches, thence north 208 feet 8 inches, thence east 208 feet 8 inches back to the starting point

PICTURE REFERENCE: none